

Sample Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Children depend on those who care for them to provide for their health, safety, and emotional well-being. When parents and other caregivers are not able to meet this responsibility, the result to children and to society is often tragic.

Last year in Washington State, Child Protective Services received 79,000 referrals alleging child abuse or neglect.

Abused and neglected children often carry the burden of their experiences into adulthood in the form of substance abuse, depression, physical disabilities, learning difficulties, criminal activity, and the continued cycle of abuse. This cost to the lives of children also means increasing costs of care systems such as child welfare, education, health care, and juvenile justice. Clearly, when a child suffers, our community suffers.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is time to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and families. Children don't come with instructions and too many parents face raising their children without the support they need. We all have opportunities to reach out to parents in our families, neighborhoods or places of employment.

Insert information about your program and what you do specifically to help children and families along with a phone number with area code – to call for more information. Provide data! How many families did you serve last year?

This April, let's make sure all parents know that their hard work is valued. Think of what it will mean for the future of children and of our community.

Or

This April, let's make sure the parents in our community have the resources and support they need. Think of what it will mean for the future of children and of our community.

Your name

Your organization